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#### General Administration & Elections Committee

#### Public Hearing Testimony in Support of SB 1126 "An Act Concerning Revisions to Campaign Finance Laws."

Good morning Chairmen Cassano and Jutila, Ranking Members McLachlan and Smith, and the Honorable Members of the GAE Committee, I am State Representative Kurt Vail of Stafford. I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 1126.

I am pleased that this committee is hearing proposed legislation that would provide much needed campaign finance reforms, but I do not think this bill goes far enough.

Today I ask the GAE Committee to vote SB 1126 out of committee with changes in place that would allow for a cap on expenditures by state party committees to candidates and would also reduce the amount individuals may contribute to state central committees. I submitted legislation, HB 5051 and HB 5052, during this session in order to achieve this.

By reducing these amounts, we will help put our state on a path to cleaner elections.

Once again, I thank the Committee for the opportunity to comment on this legislation and humbly urge you to pass this bill out of committee.